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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ALEXIS JOHNSON

I ~~xx~~ want you to know that initiative and thoroughness with which you and your colleagues pursuing all aspects of Oswald matter in Mexico deeply appreciated by all here. For your own background, FBI is ~~xxx~~ considered to be in full charge of investigation and CIA and State have made it clear that we expect FBI to QUOTE call the shots UNQUOTE. All your messages through channels are of ~~xxxxx~~ course immediately passed to FBI. As indicated in my message yesterday, FBI man Mexico City is supposed to be fully briefed, and this morning I urged that he be authorized keep you fully informed if he/~~xxx~~ is not already doing so. I stressed to Katzenbach, who has full confidence in you, your anxiety and desire to be of maximum possible helpfulness. In State, solely myself for time being am handling your and traffic on subject on behalf of Secretary and Dick Helms is doing same in Agency on behalf John McCone.

In event your FBI man has not briefed you, you should know that, with respect to Alvarado's story, it has been verified that ~~xxx~~ Oswald

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was in New Orleans on September 17, and information from landlady confirms that he was in US through September 25. This of course fits in with entry into Mexico on September 26. Thus, it did not appear that sufficient validity had yet been established for [illegible] Alvarado's story to justify arrests suggested in your [illegible] channel message yesterday afternoon and, so far as I [illegible] know up to the present time, FBI shares this view.

Do not hesitate to get in touch with me through this or [illegible] channel or by phone any time you desire, and your reports and recommendations will continue to be welcome.

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